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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2000, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following --This application is a National Stage application of International Application No. PCT/GB97/02859, filed October 17, 1997.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 13, 15 and 16 and add new claims 17 and 18 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A retroviral vector particle comprising a packagable RNA genome wherein [capable of being inserted into a target cell genome] when in the form of a DNA provirus, the retroviral vector is inserted into a target cell genome, said RNA genome carrying sequences which provide in the DNA provirus at least one selected gene capable of being expressed in the target cell and located within an intron in a transcription unit of the provirus.